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## **Demonstration Notice:**

Two demonstrations are expected to take place on Friday, May 1, 2015 at noon. One group of demonstrators plans to move from the Monument of the Syndicates Between the Two World Wars to the Parliament and then the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy. Another group of demonstrators will gather in front of the Union of Syndicates of Macedonia and then march to Parliament, the City Square, and the quay of Vardar. Please expect traffic delays.

U.S. citizens are advised to avoid these areas. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Macedonia enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <a href="https://step.state.gov/step.">https://step.state.gov/step.</a> STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

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For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

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